

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, and amended claims 1, 10, and 11 are in this application.

The specification was objected to because of several informalities. First, the present specification has been amended to correct the misspelled word "Bach". Second, it is respectfully submitted that providing a "Description of the Related Art" is believed to be acceptable.

Claims 1-6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sadakuni (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,056).

Independent claim 1, as presented herein, recites in part as follows:

"behavior-state changing means, responsive to a behavior event, for changing a behavior state according to a behavior model;

text generating means for generating text in response to said behavior event." (Underlining and bold added for emphasis.)

It is respectfully submitted that Sadakuni as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely "Sadakuni") does not disclose the above features of claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 is distinguishable from Sadakuni. For somewhat similar reasons, it is also believed that independent claims 10 and 11 are distinguishable from Sadakuni. Claims 2-6, and 9 are dependent from one of the amended independent claims and due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Sadakuni for at least the reasons previously described.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sadakuni in view of Rivers (U.S. Patent No. 5,615,30).

Claim 7 depends from claim 1 and, due to such dependency, is also believed to be distinguishable from Sadakuni for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner apparently does not rely on Rivers to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Sadakuni. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 7 is distinguishable over the applied combination of Sadakuni and Rivers.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sadakuni in view of Holm et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,260,016).

Claim 8 is dependent from independent claim 1 and, due to such dependency, is also believed to be distinguishable from Sadakuni for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner apparently does not rely on Holm to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Sadakuni. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 8 is distinguishable over the applied combination of Sadakuni and Holm.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

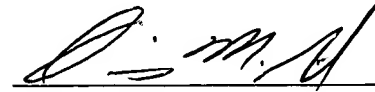
The Examiner has apparently made of record, but not applied, several documents. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that these documents, whether considered alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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